any information about the decision of the company to retrench any employee.

Noakhali Machine Tools

956. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Noakhali Machine Tools Limited a subsidiary of erstwhile Sen-Raleigh Limited and a unit of C C I was handed over to M/s. Hindustan Cables Limited after nationalisation;

(b) if so, what were the terms and conditions of such handing over;

(c) what is the present relation of Noakhali Machine Tools with Hindustan Cables Limited, and

(d) whether Noakhali Machine Tools is working to its full capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRAY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main terms and conditions of the transfer were :—

(i) The unit to be taken over by Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL) with effect from 1st April, 1984

(ii) Rs. 60 lakhs, subject to verification of stock and sundry debtors, to be paid by HCL.

(iii) Accrued liabilities for gratuity, provident fund, etc. upto 31-3-84 in respect of employees to be borne by Cycle Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL).

(c) Pending formalisation of transfer, the unit is under the management of HCL at present Originally, HCL had intended to run it as a subsidiary company but it has now ben decided to run it as a Division of HCL

(d) Due to paucity of orders the unit is not working to its full capacity.

Huge arrears payable by Electricity Boards, etc. to CIL

957. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state .

(a) whether it is a fact that arrears of more than Rs 1300 crores are due to Coal India Limited from Electricity Boards, Power generating companies and steel undertakings in public sector;

(b) what are the exact due in each case as on the 31st October, 1987 including the interest accrued thereon;

(c) how far has it affected the working of Coal India Limited and what are the reasons for accumulation of such huge arrears, and

(d) what steps have been taken to stop such accumulations of dues ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) . (a) No, Sir.

(b) Figures upto 31st October, 1987 are yet to be compiled The position regarding outstandings as on 30-9-1987 is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below) The total outstandings of the Public Sector Power Generating companies & State Electricity Board were Rs. 754.84 crores as on 30-9-87 of which an amount of Rs 390 92 crores is claimed as deductions by them. The outstandings of public sector steel plants were Rs. 101.39 crores of which Rs. 64.02 crores is claimed as deductions by them. Approximately Rs. 23 crores are outstanding to coal companies from the Power Sector on account of interest bills raised by them on outstanding sale bills.

(c) and (d) The following steps are being taken to realise coal sales outstandings from the State Electricity Boards and Steel Plants :

(i) Regular follow up action is being taken by Coal Companies and Coal India to realise outstandings dues from various Electricity Boards/Power Stations and Steel Plants.

(ii) State Electricity Boards have been raising disputes regarding coal supply bills